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Back Row: Samantha Dodd, Sharman Grant, Carla Cornaby, Teresa McCabe, Linda Wilcox, Colleen Mount, Heather Neilson, Debby Gibby-Smith, Eneli Andersen.

THE 1991 UTES

No.	Name	Year	Hgt.	Pos.	Hometown/Previous School
2	Julie Kirby	Fr.	5-9	OH	Mapleton, Utah/Springville
3	Eneli Andersen	So.	5-8	OH	Salt Lake City/Highland
4	Molly Merritt	Fr.	5-8	S	Salt Lake City/Skyline
7	Heather Neilson	Sr.	5-9	OH	Salt Lake City/Olympus
8	Denise Rathbun	Jr.	5-9	S	Salt Lake City/Skyline
9	Samantha Dodd	Sr.	5-11	OH	Sandy, Utah/Utah Valley C.C.
10	Sharman Grant	Fr.	6-0	MB/OH	Tucson, Ariz./Canyon Del Oro
11	Debbie Gibby-Smith	Jr.	5-10	OH	Brigham City, Utah/Box Elder
12	Linda Wilcox	Sr.	6-1	MB	Idaho Falls, Idaho/Ricks J.C.
13	Carla Cornaby	Jr.	6-0	MB	Spanish Fork, Utah/Spanish Fork
14	Teresa McCabe	Fr.	6-2	MB	Eugene, Ore./Sheldon
15	Colleen Mount	So.	6-1	OH	Goleta, Calif./Dos Pueblos

UTE FACTS AND PHONES (area code 801)

Location . . . . . Salt Lake City, Utah 84112
Founded 1850
Enrollment 23,543
Nickname . . . . . Utes
Colors . . . . . Crimson and White
Home Court/Capacity . . . . . HPER E101/700
Conference . . . . . Western Athletic
Affiliation . . . . . NCAA Division I
President . . . . . Dr. Arthur K. Smith
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UTE VOLLEYBALL QUICK NOTES

Head Coach . . . . . Beth Launiere
Record at Utah/Year 7-21/2nd
Career Record/Year 7-21/2nd
Assistant Coach . . . . . Janna Douglass
Letterwinners Returning/Lost 8/1
Starters Returning 6
Starters Lost 0
Newcomers 4
1990 Overall Record 7-21
1990 WAC Record/Finish . . . 0-10/6th

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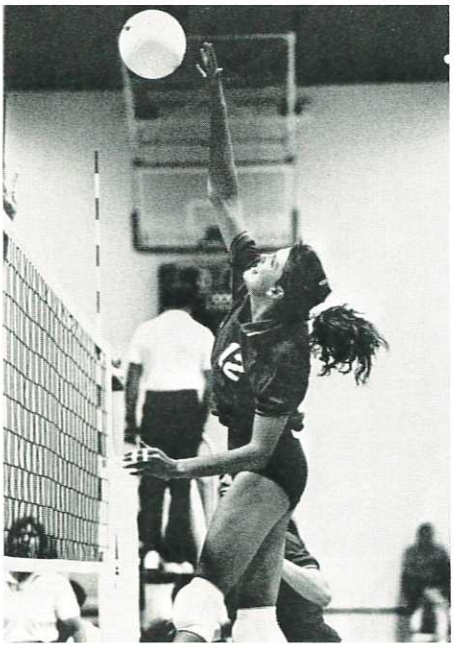
THE OUTLOOK

Overview

Beth Launiere wasted little time redecorating the Ute volleyball gallery in her first year as head coach. Down came the picture of futility painted during Utah's 1-32 season in 1989, the year prior to Launiere's appointment. Up went a canvas of the new-look Utes, who flirted with .500 during the preseason, posting seven hard earned wins. Watch for further renovations of last year's 7-21 record in the upcoming campaign.

"We'll show a more creative offense this year," promises Launiere. "I'm giving our hitters more control to call the sets. It stifles the offense when the setter has to determine what all three hitters can do in a given situation. I hope the added creativity will translate into wins."

Though Launiere's inaugural team lacked somewhat in aesthetics, it mastered her lessons on discipline, fundamentals and a positive attitude. The carryover should show up immediately, thanks to a palette of six returning starters and eight letter-winners. Four quality recruits complete the 1991 picture.



Linda Wilcox led the Utes in kills in 1990 (329).

"I sense a real hunger on this team," says Launiere. "We should be better early on, because the players know and respect each other. These kids have done what's been asked of them to win. They've gone a long way toward paying their dues. Our fans will see a lot more depth and tactical manuevers than last year, when we worked on physical improvements and couldn't even worry about opponents' tendencies. This year, we will work on the other side of the net, as well as our own."

Across the net in the months ahead lie four preseason tournaments and the always tough Western Athletic Conference schedule. The Utes open their 1991 season at the Boise State Invitational (Aug. 30-31), before hosting their own Lady Ute Classic on Sep. 6-7. Launiere thinks the Utes will fare well in their pre-conference matches. As for league play, Utah finished at the bottom of the Top-20 stacked WAC in 1990 and Launiere wants to move toward middle ground—in more ways than one. "Our conference is so tough that a few league wins would be a success. A middle of the pack finish is the next step for us," she says. Ironically, the way to move toward the middle begins in the middle—of the court, that is. Beginning with the key middle blocker position, here is a breakdown of Launiere's attack:

Middle Blockers

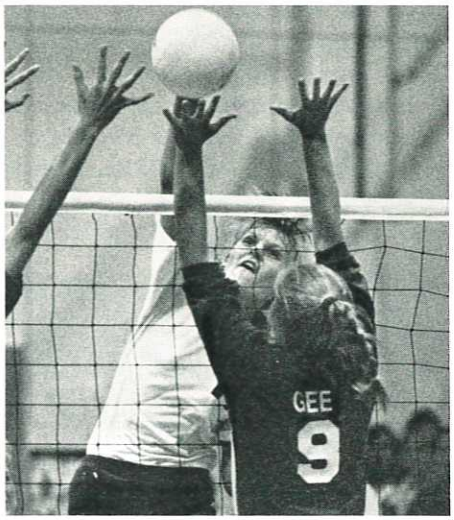
"I want to base my offense around the middle," states Launiere. "Eventually, the middle blocker should become our primary attacker. The middle blockers can read blocking weaknesses and open up the outside. They must help create one-on-one situations for the outside hitters, if our offense is to be effective." Launiere picked a solid starting point, with the return of second-team all-WAC selection Linda Wilcox. Wilcox, who led Utah in every offensive category and ranked in the WAC's top ten in three categories, finished second among the WAC blockers. "Linda is my kind of player," raves Launiere. "She worked hard to increase her strength in the spring and should be one of the WAC's premiere players." Joining the senior star is junior Carla Cornaby—a starter last year and a solid blocker. Two freshmen will impact here: Six-foot-two Teresa McCabe and six-foot Sharman Grant. "Teresa and Sharman will bring us to another level," predicts Launiere. Both possess good size and jumping skills.

Setters

Utah's hitters can't put down many shots without help from the setter. Back for her junior season is Denise Rathbun—a pleasant surprise as a first-year starter in 1990—who will jump set 100-percent of the time this fall. "Denise caught on to things faster than any athlete I've ever seen," claims Launiere. "She is very intelligent, a good decision maker and has good hands." Depth is lacking here, with freshman Molly Merritt the only backup.

Outside Hitters

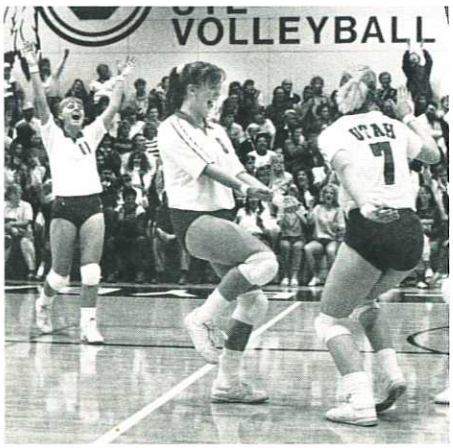
Six athletes want playing time on the outside, including returning starters Debbie Gibby-Smith, Sam Dodd and Heather (Gourley) Neilson. Gibby-Smith, the WAC's leader in digs last year, is also a key on offense, where her 279 kills rated second on last year's club. The junior is joined by seniors Dodd (243 kills) and Neilson (274 digs). Dodd turned in the best spring performance of the Utes, according to Launiere. Neilson and Gibby-Smith are the team's top defenders. Sophomores Eneli Andersen and Colleen Mount will benefit from big off-season improvements. Freshman Julie Kirby, a great leaper and natural passer, will step right in and play.



Debbie Gibby-Smith belted 279 kills in 1990.

Noting Launiere

"We won a lot of games in the spring and beat teams that we consistently lost to last year . . . We had to move really slowly last year. We'll be able to move ahead faster this year, now that the groundwork is laid . . . The sideout game will remain our strength. We are a good passing and blocking team. The problem last year was we didn't score points. Defense, the transition game and scoring points will be our areas of emphasis this year."



Debbie Gibby-Smith, Denise Rathbun and Heather Neilson celebrate.

THE COACHES

HEAD COACH

BETH LAUNIERE

In her first year as Utah's volleyball coach, Beth Launiere breathed new life into an ailing program. By improving Utah's win column seven-fold, Launiere pulled the Utes off the critical list and well on the road to recovery. In addition to instilling a new competitive attitude in the program, Launiere elevated the level of play and brought excitement and spectator support back to Utah volleyball.

The 28-year-old Grand Rapids, Mich. native undertook an enormous task in her first head coaching position. She was charged with reviving a program which went 1-32 the season before her arrival and hadn't posted a winning record in five years. By emphasizing discipline and fundamentals, Launiere guided her team to a borderline .500 preseason record and a 7-21 overall mark.

Launiere brought a winning track record to Utah. She spent the two years prior to her appointment at the U. as an assistant with the nationally-ranked Illinois program. As a member of the Illini staff, Launiere was a part of two NCAA Tournament appearances—including a berth in the 1988 Final Four. Illinois won the 1988 Big Ten Championship, and during Launiere's tenure, compiled an overall record of 57-12.

Before taking the UI post, Launiere served a three-year apprenticeship at Ferris State (1985-87). Ferris State participated in the 1987 NCAA Division II Final Four and qualified for the NCAA Tournament all three seasons that Launiere assisted there. The Bulldogs won three straight conference titles.

It will take time for her to propel the Utes into the upper echelon of the powerful Western Athletic Conference, but expect Launiere to lead the Utes to a healthy record in the upcoming seasons.

The Launiere Ledger

Year	Overall Record	WAC Record
1991	7-21	0-10

ASSISTANT COACH

JANNA DOUGLASS

Back for her second year as assistant Ute coach is Janna Douglass, who as a first-year collegiate assistant helped head coach Beth Launiere set Utah volleyball back on track. The former Janna Biggs experienced few difficulties in helping to implement a new system at Utah. Douglass, 24, knew Launiere's coaching philosophy in advance, after playing for her during Launiere's three-year stint as a Ferris State (Mich.) assistant.

Douglass played for the Bulldogs from 1985-88, pushing them to three conference championships and a berth in the 1987 NCAA Division II Final Four. A three-time all-conference selection at Ferris State, she won an equal number of academic all-conference citations. Ferris State's MVP in 1987 and 1988 earned all-region recognition both years as well. Other honors Douglass gathered during her collegiate playing career included the FSU Captain's Award (1988), Coaches' Award (1985), Dean's Award (1985-88) and President's Award (1988).

Her coaching background consists of a variety of camp stints, Junior Olympics and USVBA experience, two years as junior varsity coach at Big Rapids High and a year as freshman coach at Forrest Hills Central. She coached the Utah Juniors USVBA club in the spring of 1991.

A 1989 computer information systems graduate of Ferris State, Douglass spent a year as a computer programmer for Meijer Inc. in Grand Rapids, Mich. The Jackson, Mich. native, who married Mark Douglass in the summer, is pursuing a master's degree in economics at the U.

PLAYER PROFILES

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SAM DODD
Senior, 5-11, OH
Sandy, Utah (Utah Valley)

Started at outside hitter . . . 243 kills third on squad . . . 22 service aces second on team . . . good back row player collected 236 digs . . . probable starter again as senior . . . came to Utah from Utah Valley Community College . . . all-conference, all-region performer for UVCC . . . 1988 all-tournament team at Dixie Invitational . . . prepped at Alta High (Utah) . . . all-state and Alta MVP as senior . . . named Alta's Best Offensive Player as junior . . . also ran track . . . third at state meet in 100 meter hurdles and as part of Alta's 400 meter relay team . . . at Simplot Games was on winning 400 meter relay team; was third in hurdles . . . daughter of Brian and Jessie Dodd . . . majoring in exercise and sport science . . . born Oct. 15, 1970.

Dodd's Statistics

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Gibby-Smith's Statistics

Year	MP	GP	K	E	TA	ATK%	A	SA	BS	BA	DG
1989	22	73	123	63	362	.165	6	11	6	36	114
1990	28	100	279	145	864	.155	8	15	8	29	376
Total	50	173	402	208	1226	.158	14	26	14	65	490

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DENISE RATHBUN
Junior, 5-9, S
Salt Lake City (Skyline)

Pegged to start at setter for second year . . . missed two matches with foot injury . . . 846 assists comprised 85-percent of Utah's total assists . . . 8.19 assist per game average in WAC games ranked sixth in league . . . will add jump setting to repertoire this fall . . . quick learner . . . good decision maker and court director . . . solid defensively (225 digs) . . . as freshman, tallied 105 assists as back-up setter . . . former Skyline High player helped Utah Juniors (USVBA club team) to 1989 regional championship . . . placed second in state and was national finalist in DECA competition . . . daughter of Dennis and Joyce Rathbun . . . majoring in accounting . . . born Aug. 4, 1971.

Rathbun's Statistics

Year	MP	GP	K	E	TA	ATK%	A	SA	BS	BA	DG
1989	28	80	6	8	27	-.074	105	8	1	2	113
1990	26	94	47	26	199	.105	846	15	5	46	225
Total	54	174	53	34	226	.084	951	23	6	48	338

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ENELI ANDERSEN
Sophomore, 5-8, OH
Salt Lake City (Highland)

Walk-on showed great improvement in off-season . . . played in 25 matches as freshman and smashed 27 kills . . . good athlete needs further work on skills . . . 54 digs best among non-starters . . . prepped at Salt Lake's Highland High . . . two-time Highland volleyball MVP . . . all-region and three-year starter . . . played on two state tournament teams . . . Most Improved Player as sophomore . . . recepient of AAU/Mars-Milky Way High School All-America Award and Highland's Outstanding Female Athlete as senior . . . also played basketball . . . Highland's 1988 basketball MVP, led team in scoring in 1989 . . . won senior Ram award . . . graduated with honors . . . cited in *Who's Who in American High Schools* . . . daughter of Kai and Ilene Andersen . . . majoring in business management . . . born Jan. 1, 1972.

Andersen's Statistics

Year	MP	GP	K	E	TA	ATK%	A	SA	BS	BA	DG
1990	25	56	27	20	91	.076	6	4	2	5	54

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COLLEEN MOUNT
Sophomore, 6-1, OH
Goleta, Calif. (Dos Pueblos)

Strong spring showing will improve chances at playing time as sophomore . . . walk-on is good blocker on right side . . . lefty gives Utes good size (6'1") on outside . . . worked hard on conditioning in off-season . . . played in 10 matches as freshman . . . played high school ball at Dos Pueblos (Calif.) . . . four-year letterwinner in both volleyball and basketball . . . participated in volleyball C.I.F. as junior and senior and was all-league choice . . . also all-league basketball player . . . Dos Pueblos' MVP and Coaches' Choice in 1989 . . . C.I.F./Reebok Scholar-Athlete award winner . . . won USF Presidential Scholarship and LDS Business Scholarship . . . National Honor Society . . . California Scholarship Federation . . . daughter of James and Elaine Mount . . . majoring in pre-education . . . born Aug. 4, 1972.

Mount's Statistics

Year	MP	GP	K	E	TA	ATK%	A	SA	BS	BA	DG
1990	10	13	0	3	5	-.600	0	3	0	2	2

PLAYER PROFILES

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SHARMAN GRANT
Freshman, 6-0, MB/OH
Tucson, Ariz. (Canyon Del Oro)

Played high school ball for Canyon Del Oro (Ariz.) . . . Tucson 5A Player of Year . . . Tucson's Best Offensive Player . . . two-time first-team all-Orange County League . . . first-team all-city . . . Canyon Del Oro's nominee for Tucson Scholar-Athlete of Year . . . 5A Division Champions and City Champions . . . led Canyon Del Oro to 21-2 record as senior . . . comes to U. with great club experience . . . on two-time 4A C.I.F. finalist Esperanza team . . . Esperanza went 24-1 . . . played on Southern Arizona Juniors' team in 1990 and '91 . . . graduated in top five percent of class . . . Arizona Scholar . . . honor roll four years . . . daughter of Dennis and Pamela Grant . . . born May 23, 1973.

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JULIE KIRBY
Freshman, 5-9, OH
Mapleton, Utah (Springville)

Led Springville High to 1989 and 1990 Utah 3A state championships . . . 3A state MVP . . . captain and Most Outstanding Volleyball Player of '91 Springville team . . . first-team all-region . . . Springville's Outstanding Female Athlete . . . as junior, was first-team all-state . . . 1988-89 Volleyball Rookie of Year . . . also helped basketball and softball teams to 1991 region championship . . . softball team placed second in state . . . named all-state in softball . . . 1990 basketball and track teams won state championship . . . all-state high jumper in '90 . . . 1989 Outstanding Girls' Track Runner . . . graduated with honors . . . daughter of Joseph and Merlene Kirby . . . born June 15, 1973.

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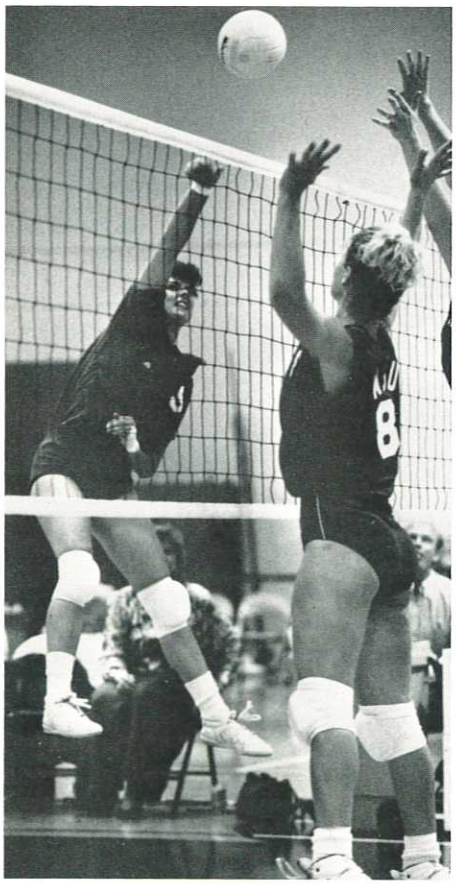
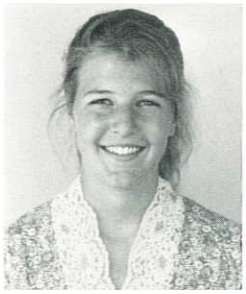
TERESA MCCABE
Freshman, 6-2, MB
Eugene, Ore. (Sheldon)

1990 all-state . . . Sheldon High (Ore.) MVP and Most Inspirational player as senior . . . first-team all-district . . . 1990 Oregon Women's Sports Leadership Award . . . *Register Guard* "Prep Spotlight" . . . started and lettered all four years . . . KMTR/Centennial Bank "Prep Athlete of Week" . . . all-league . . . led Sheldon to first-ever Top-10 ranking in state as senior . . . club team (Kaleo/Storm-n-West) finished 48th out of 500 teams at Nike Festival and won 1991 Albany tournament . . . two-time English Student of Year . . . also lettered in basketball two years . . . basketball captain twice . . . daughter of Barney and Jeanie McCabe . . . born Sep. 16, 1973.



Sam Dodd slammed 243 kills—third most on the team—as a junior last year. Dodd will likely start as outside hitter for her second straight year.



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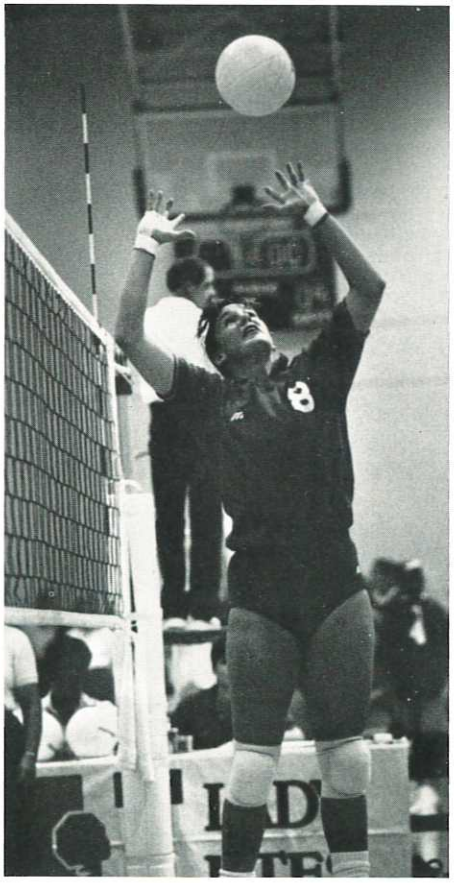
MOLLY MERRITT
Freshman, 5-8, S
Salt Lake City (Skyline)

Helped Skyline High to third place at 1990 Utah state championship . . . 1990 Skyline Outstanding Volleyball Player . . . three-year letterwinner . . . also lettered twice in track and field . . . played club volleyball for High Country Elites . . . finished third in division at nationals . . . daughter of Hubert and Betty Merritt . . . born Nov. 1, 1972.



As a first-year starter in 1990, Denise Rathbun dished up 846 assists. It was the third-best single-season total ever for a Utah setter.

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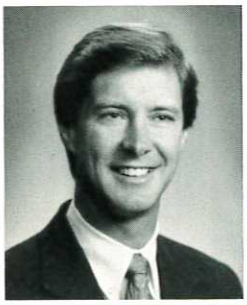


DR. CHRIS HILL
Director of Athletics

Dr. Chris P. Hill has established himself as a highly-respected administrator in his four years as director of athletics at Utah. Hill is a member of the College Football Association (CFA) Athletic Directors' Committee and is also on the Executive Committee of Division I-A Athletic Directors.

Under Hill's direction, Ute athletics have become a national force. The women's gymnastics team won the 1990 NCAA Championship and the men's basketball team reached the 1991 'Sweet Sixteen.' He was also instrumental in the completion of the George S. Eccles Tennis Facility and the Dee Glen Smith Football Facility—two of the finest of their kind in the entire nation. And Hill's insistence on academic performance has improved Utah's athlete-graduation rate dramatically.

The former director of development at the U. instigated tremendous growth in his two years as an athletic department fund-raiser (1985-86). The New Jersey native first came on board as a graduate assistant basketball coach for Bill Foster (1973-74), and later served as assistant coach for Jerry Pimm (1979-81).

Outside the athletic venue, Hill was executive director of United Cerebral Palsy of Utah from 1981-85. He taught in the University's special education department from 1983-85. In 1984, Hill received an Outstanding Service Award from the Utah Recreation Therapy Association. He was awarded a Milton Bennion Fellowship in 1981. Hill continues to remain active on issues concerning people with handicaps.

As an undergraduate, Hill lettered three years and was co-captain of the 1971-72 Rutgers basketball team. He received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Rutgers in 1972, a master's of education degree from Utah in 1974 and a Ph.D. in educational administration from Utah in 1982.

Hill is married to the former Kathy Cronin, who is a clinical instructor in the U.'s special education department. They have two children: Alyson and Christopher.

FERN GARDNER
Associate Athletic Director

The most prolific winner in Lady Ute basketball coaching history, Fern Gardner has duplicated that success on the administrative field. Gardner stepped down from the coaching ranks in 1983, after nearly a decade of double duty as Utah women's basketball coach and assistant athletic director. She spent the next seven years as a full-time assistant athletic director, before moving up to associate AD last winter.

Gardner currently serves on the NCAA Division I Volleyball Committee. Past NCAA appointments for Gardner include positions on both the NCAA Division I softball and basketball committees.

Before turning in her whistle, she set a remarkable coaching standard of 319 wins (the most of any active Division I basketball coach at that time). During her tenure as a Lady Ute coach, Gardner produced seven conference championship teams. The three-time Region 7 Coach of the Year coached the West basketball team at the 1978 National Sports Festival.

Before coming to the U., Gardner was women's athletic director and basketball coach at Utah State, where she compiled an imposing 144-33 seven-year mark. Her Utah and Utah State teams combined for eight national appearances.

In 1961, Gardner received her bachelor's degree in physical education from Utah State (where she starred on the Aggie basketball, softball, tennis and volleyball teams). The Deweyville, Utah native earned a master's degree in physical education and administration from USU in 1971. A member of the Utah Softball Hall of Fame, she became the third woman named to the Utah Sports Hall of Fame in 1985, just one year before her induction into the Hall of Honor at the Utah Summer Games.

THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

The University of Utah is situated in one of the nation's most appealing locations. To the east, the towering Wasatch Mountains are snow-capped billboards for a series of popular ski resorts. To the west shimmers a landlocked sea—the Great Salt Lake.

Five minutes from the U. is the center of Salt Lake City. With a metropolitan population in excess of one million, Salt Lake City is the hub of the Intermountain West. Cool canyons, a four-season climate and an outdoor lifestyle make Utah a still-beckoning frontier. The world-famous snow and abundance of ski resorts within an hour of Salt Lake International Airport helped Salt Lake City win the United States' bid as host city for both the 1998 and 2002 Winter Olympics.

The University has a front rank reputation for its spectacular advances into the world of the artificial. The first total artificial heart was developed and implanted in a human at the University Medical Center. The U.'s Human Toxicology Laboratory is known world-wide and its graduate programs in the various sciences have been cited with the nation's best. The ballet and modern dance programs at Utah also own national reputations.

Described as Utah's economic engine, the U. generates more than $400 million annually in non-tax revenue and is one of the state's largest employers. It has the only medical, social work and pharmacy schools in a multi-state area, and ranks 22nd among public institutions in federal research grants.

Nearly one million people enjoy the University of Utah's athletic, entertainment and cultural offerings each year. Utah has earned a reputation as a site of championships as far as athletics are concerned— serving as host to a number of national tournaments (eight in the last decade alone).

The U. provides undergraduate, graduate and professional education to nearly 24,000 students—drawn from all 50 states, as well as numerous foreign countries. Students attend classes on the beautiful 1,500 acre pedestrian campus, complete with flowering malls, fountains and plazas.

STUDENT-ATHLETE SERVICES

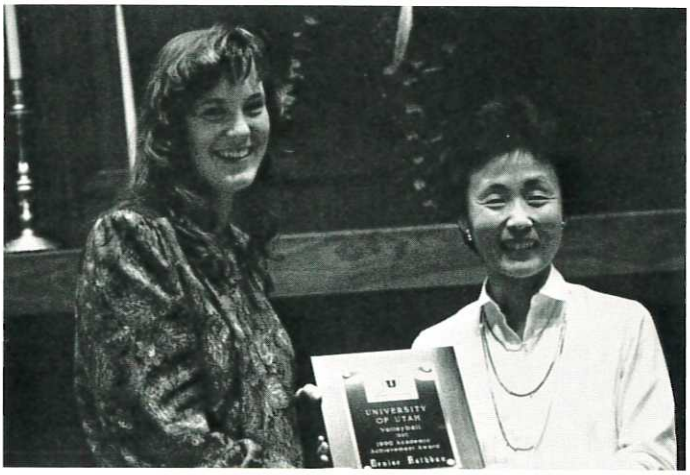
The University of Utah owns a richly deserved reputation as a top-notch academic institution and the U. provides an exceptional academic and athletic experience for its student-athletes. With three full-time athletic academic advisors (Steve Baumann, Charlene Doi and Rob Rainey), the U. offers specialized academic counseling for its student-athletes.

The Ute volleyball players receive their academic guidance from Doi, a 15-year veteran of academic advising. Among other things, Doi monitors the academics of each player to ensure she is making progress toward a degree. Study tables and a free tutorial program are also a part of the academic-athletic package.

To assist with student-athletes' career planning, the athletic academic advisors work closely with the U. Testing Center, Placement and Career Information Center, academic departments and community resources for possible job and internship placements related to the students' majors.

University of Utah students are certainly ideal candidates for internships. The U. is an international center for medical and engineering research, and its genetics research ranks among the world's best. The National Science Foundation annual report cited the U of U, Harvard, MIT, Cal Tech and Stanford as schools having the most major scientific projects. Ninety-percent of Utah's faculty have doctoral degrees, and many are among the leaders in their fields.

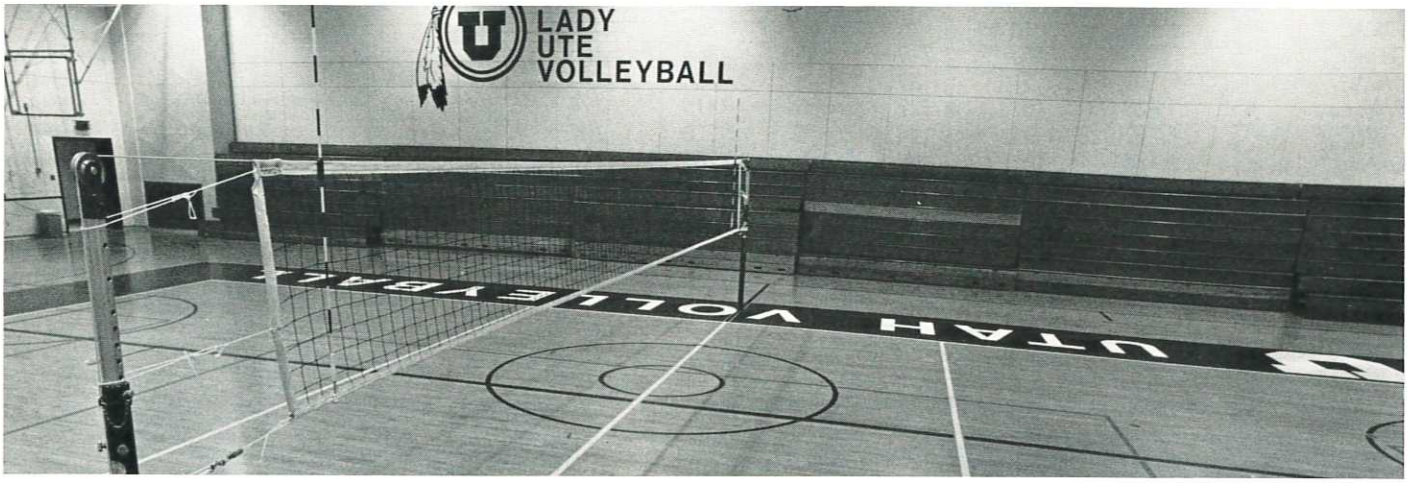
After a student-athlete's career is completed, his or her academic needs continue to be met through the athletic department's fifth-year senior program, which provides financial assistance to those no longer on athletic scholarship, but who wish to get their degrees.

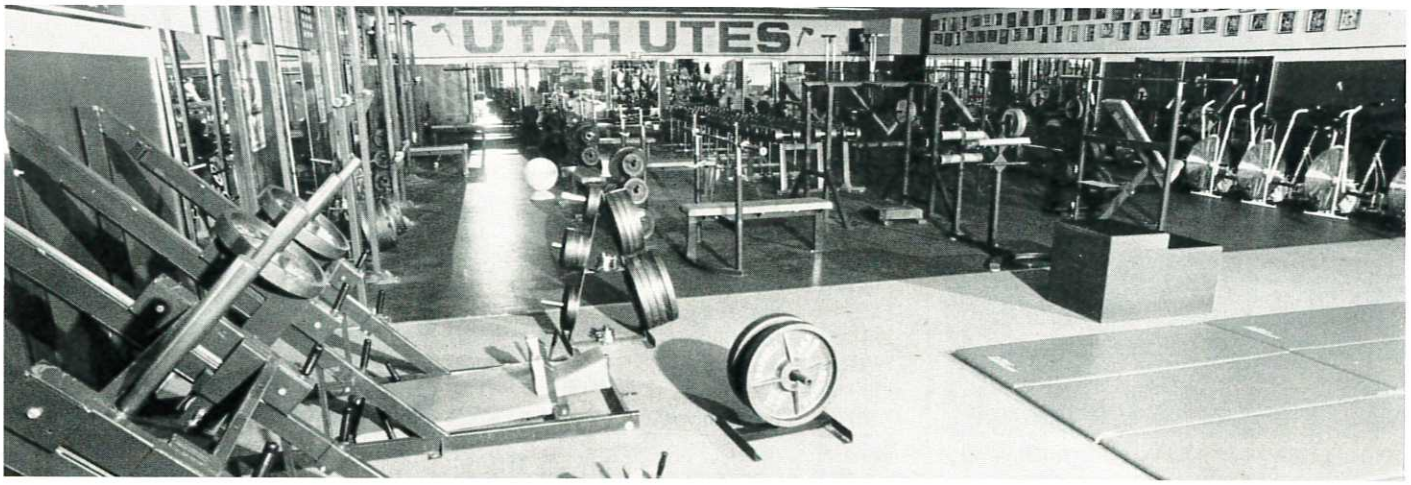


Denise Rathbun receives academic award from Charlene Doi

The academic approach extends beyond the classroom, with the U. volleyball players taking advantage of the Performance Enhancement through Applied Knowledge (PEAK) Academy. Under the direction of Cyndi Bainbridge, the PEAK Academy utilizes sport science to evaluate physiological strengths and weaknesses of each individual player. Upon evaluation of the test results, PEAK personnel make suggestions for measures to correct the physiological, psychological, nutritional or biomechanical factors which affect the athlete's performance.

Academics and athletics. A winning team at the University of Utah.





UTE STATISTICS

THE 1990 SCOREBOARD (7-21, 0-10/6th)

H/A/N	Opponent	W/L	Score	H/A/N	Opponent	W/L	Score
N	San Diego	L	1-3	H	*Wyoming	L	1-3
N	San Francisco	L	0-3	A	*Brigham Young	L	0-3
A	Fresno-Pacific	W	3-2	A	Montana State	L	1-3
H	Montana State	W	3-2	A	Montana	L	1-3
H	Washington State	L	1-3	A	*San Diego State	L	0-3
H	Utah State	L	0-3	A	*New Mexico	L	0-3
H	Montana State	W	3-1	A	Idaho State	L	0-3
H	Gonzaga	L	1-3	H	*Brigham Young	L	0-3
H	Boise State	W	3-2	H	Weber State	W	3-0
A	Utah State	L	0-3	A	*Wyoming	L	0-3
A	Weber State	L	1-3	A	*Colorado State	L	0-3
A	Illinois State	L	0-3	H	*New Mexico	L	0-3
N	North Carolina State	W	3-1	H	*San Diego State	L	0-3
N	Central Michigan	W	3-2				
H	*Colorado State	L	0-3	*Western Athletic Conference Match			

1990 WAC STANDINGS

Team	Overall	WAC
1. Brigham Young	26-8	9-1
2. New Mexico	22-7	7-3
3. San Diego State	24-12	6-4
4. Wyoming	19-10	5-5
5. Colorado State	15-18	3-7
6. Utah	7-21	0-10

THE 1990 STATISTICS

NAME	MP	GP	KILL	ERR	ATT	ATK%	A	ACE	BS	BA	DIG
Sims	28	79	2	3	11	- .090	52	2	0	3	49
WAC	10	23	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0	12
Andersen	25	56	27	20	91	.076	6	4	2	5	54
WAC	10	16	5	2	14	.214	0	0	0	1	6
Gourley	28	101	151	85	487	.135	61	9	4	65	274
WAC	10	31	47	24	159	.144	15	2	3	19	79
Rathbun	26	94	47	26	199	.105	846	15	5	46	225
WAC	10	31	14	6	59	.135	254	2	0	9	77
Dodd	27	97	243	118	759	.164	4	22	8	31	236
WAC	10	30	70	45	260	.096	0	4	2	14	76
Gibby	28	100	279	145	864	.155	8	15	8	29	376
WAC	10	31	89	48	284	.144	1	3	3	8	115
Wilcox	28	101	329	105	815	.274	10	19	21	115	155
WAC	10	31	94	38	270	.207	2	5	3	35	43
Cornaby	28	101	90	58	285	.112	6	30	14	70	189
WAC	10	31	30	12	86	.209	3	8	3	19	71
Mount	10	13	0	3	5	- .600	0	3	0	2	2
WAC	5	7	0	2	2	-1.000	0	3	0	1	2
Totals	28	101	1168	563	3516	.172	993	119	62	366	1560
WAC	10	31	349	177	1135	.151	275	27	14	106	481

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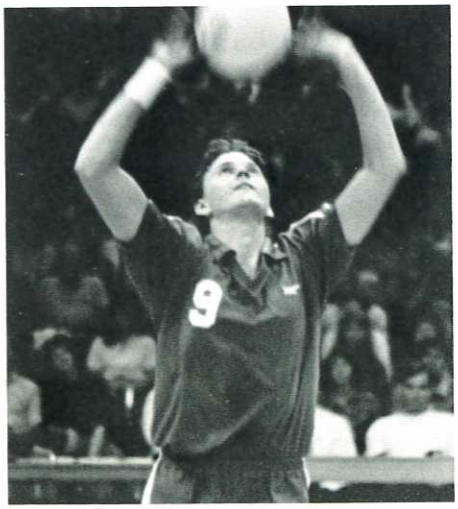


Cheryl Tye was conference MVP as a senior in 1985

UTAH YEAR-BY-YEAR

Year	Coach	Overall Record	Conf. Record	Conf. Finish
1976	Norma Carr	11-10	7-5	NA
1977	Norma Carr	21-11	8-4	NA
1978	Norma Carr	21-12	9-3	NA
1979	Norma Carr	17-16	8-2	NA
1980	Jean Widdison	23-17	8-2	NA
1981	Jean Widdison	19-21	NA	NA
1982	Jean Widdison	19-18	NA	4th
1983	Jean Widdison	18-27	1-9	6th
1984	Julie Morgan	20-18	5-7	4th
1985	Julie Morgan	21-10	8-4	3rd
1986	Julie Morgan	19-19	7-5	2nd
1987	Ann Bricker	6-27	2-10	6th
1988	Ann Bricker	10-29	2-10	6th
1989	Ann Bricker	1-32	0-12	7th
1990	Beth Launiere	7-21	0-10	6th
Totals		233-288	62-83	

UTE RECORD BOOK

SINGLE-GAME RECORDS

Kills

1.	Maile Gee-Merrill	33 vs. Wyoming, Oct. 27, 1984
2.	Cheryl Tye	28 vs. Penn State, Sept. 21, 1983
2.	Chris Harmon	28 vs. Penn State, Sept. 21, 1983
4.	Lynda Wilcox	26 vs. Central Michigan, Sept. 29, 1990
5.	Jenni Eyre	25 vs. Weber State, Sept. 19, 1987
5.	Jenni Eyre	25 vs. Southern California, Sept. 9, 1986
5.	Chris Harmon	25 vs. Colorado State, Oct. 6, 1984

Hitting Percentage

1.	Shauna Sonntag	.830 vs. Colorado State, (1982)
2.	Shauna Sonntag	.821 vs. Southern California, Sept. 9, 1986
3.	Sheila Sorensen	.650 vs. New Mexico, Oct. 23, 1985
4.	Lynda Wilcox	.640 vs. New Mexico, Sept. 25, 1990
5.	Leslie Hebertson	.633 vs. Utah State, Oct. 22, 1987

Aces

1.	Sam Dodd	7 vs. San Diego, Sept. 2, 1990
2.	Heather Gourley	6 vs. Southern Utah, Sept. 15, 1988
2.	Lynda Hall	6 vs. Southern Utah, Sept. 1, 1988
2.	Darian Abegglen	6 vs. Pepperdine, Oct. 20, 1983
5.	5 by 10 players, Carla Cornaby	Most Recent — 5 vs. Weber State, Nov. 6, 1990

Blocks

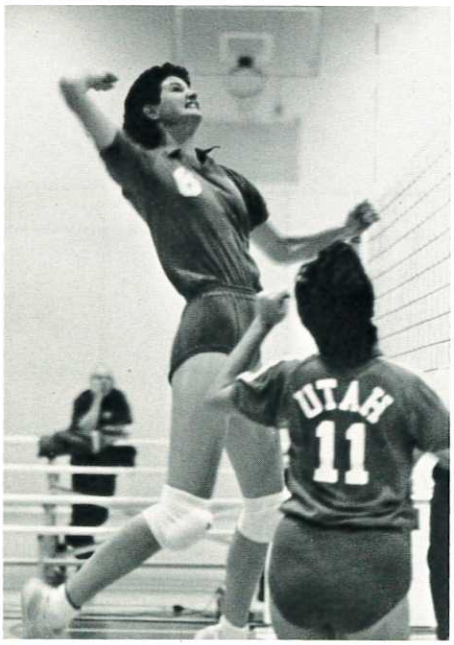
1.	Sheila Sorensen	16 vs. Utah State, Oct. 14, 1983
2.	Linda Wilcox	15 vs. Montana, Oct. 13, 1990
2.	Shauna Sonntag	15 vs. Cal-Irvine, Sept. 13, 1982
4.	Kim Anderson	12 vs. Weber State, Sept. 26, 1989
4.	Lynda Hall	12 vs. Memphis State, Sept. 18, 1987
4.	Torie Klein	12 vs. New Mexico, Nov. 15, 1986
4.	Sheila Sorensen	12 vs. Idaho State, Sept. 10, 1985
4.	Cynthia Ford	12 vs. Penn State, Sept. 21, 1983

Digs

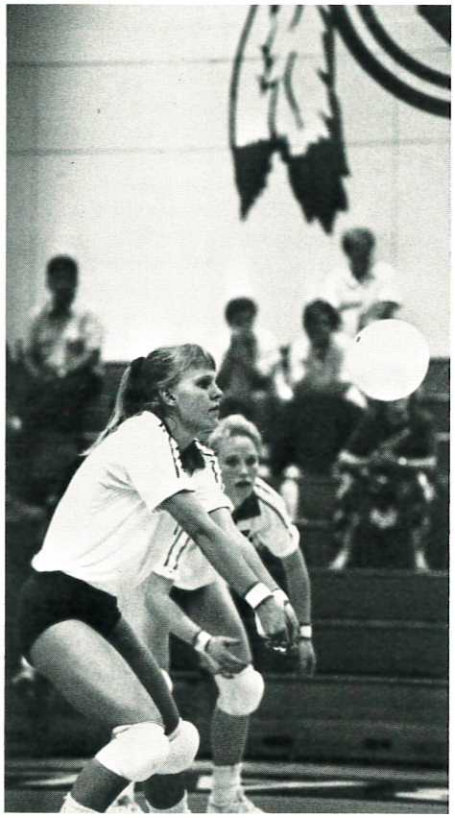
1.	Debbie Gibby	28 vs. Central Michigan, Sept. 29, 1991
2.	Darian Abegglen	26 vs. Brigham Young, Oct. 30, 1985
3.	Debbie Gibby	25 vs. Boise State, Sept. 15, 1990
3.	Jenni Eyre	25 vs. New Mexico, Nov. 21, 1987
5.	Denise Rathbun	23 vs. Wyoming, Oct. 6, 1990
5.	Debbie Gibby	23 vs. Montana State, Sept 7, 1990
5.	Debbie Gibby	23 vs. Fresno Pacific, Sept 4, 1990
5.	Lani Green	23 vs. Weber State, Oct. 26, 1989

Assists

1.	Katie Gesto	86 vs. New Mexico, Nov. 7, 1986
2.	Lisa Resch	82 vs. Weber State, Sept. 19, 1987
3.	Denise Rathbun	77 vs. North Carolina State, Sept. 29, 1990
4.	Rita Harrington	70 vs. Penn State, Sept. 21, 1983
5.	Heather Gourley	63 vs. Weber State, Sept. 17, 1988



Sheila Sorensen (1982-86) is Utah's block leader



Debbie Gibby-Smith is in dig recordbooks

SINGLE-SEASON RECORDS

Kills	**No.**	**Year**
1. Sheila Sorensen	500	1986
2. Jenni Eyre	491	1986
3. Chris Harmon	429	1984
4. Maile Gee-Merrill	417	1984
4. Leslie Hebertson	417	1988

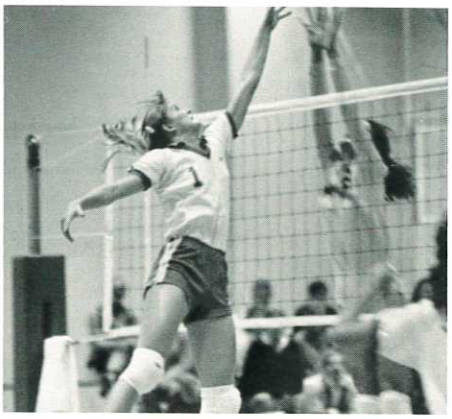
Hitting Percentage	**No.**	**Year**
1. Cheryl Tye	.344	1982
2. Julie Peterson	.333	1984
3. Krishna Carpenter	.297	1984
4. Katie Gesto	.296	1986
5. Shauna Sonntag	.294	1982

Service Aces	**No.**	**Year**
1. Shelly Cook	62	1988
2. Laurie Meyer	49	1988
2. Chris Harmon	49	1984
4. Lisa Shearer	46	1986
5. Leslie Hebertson	40	1987

Blocks	**No.**	**Year**
1. Sheila Sorenson	176	1985
2. Lynda Wilcox	136	1990
2. Shelly Cook	136	1988
4. Krishna Carpenter	129	1985
5. Krishna Carpenter	120	1984

Digs	**No.**	**Year**
1. Jenni Eyre	391	1986
2. Debby Gibby	376	1990
3. Cheryl Tye	337	1984
4. Chris Harmon	336	1984
5. Lani Green	329	1988
5. Leslie Hebertson	329	1988

Assists	**No.**	**Year**
1. Katie Gesto	1376	1986
2. Cheryl Tye	912	1984
3. Denise Rathbun	846	1990
4. Cheryl Tye	766	1985
5. Rita Harrington	741	1983



Krishna Carpenter (1984-85) owns a hitting record

CAREER RECORDS

Kills	**Years**	**GP**	**Kills**
1. Jenni Eyre	1984-87	455	1094
2. Sheila Sorensen	1982-86	338	1012
3. Cheryl Tye	1982-85	346	901
4. Leslie Hebertson	1984-88	368	889
5. Lynda Hall	1984-88	315	733

Hitting Percentage	**Years**	**Kills**	**Pct.**
1. Krishna Carpenter	1984-85	636	.278
2. Cheryl Tye	1982-85	901	.264
3. Sheila Sorensen	1982-86	1012	.232

Service Aces	**Years**	**GP**	**Total**
1. Jenni Eyre	1984-87	455	103
2. Shelly Cook	1987-88	260	101
2. Leslie Hebertson	1984-88	368	101
4. Katie Gesto	1984-86	347	95
5. Lynda Hall	1984-88	315	86

Blocks	**Years**	**GP**	**Total**
1. Sheila Sorensen	1982-86	338	460
2. Lynda Hall	1984-88	315	322
3. Cheryl Tye	1982-85	346	286
4. Shelly Cook	1987-88	260	254
5. Krishna Carpenter	1984-85	233	249

Digs	**Years**	**GP**	**Total**
1. Jenni Eyre	1984-87	455	1103
2. Cheryl Tye	1982-85	346	742
3. Leslie Hebertson	1984-88	368	698
4. Katie Gesto	1984-86	347	678
5. Lisa Shearer	1986-87	242	590

Assists	**Years**	**GP**	**Total**
1. Katie Gesto	1984-86	347	2309
2. Cheryl Tye	1982-85	346	1698
3. Denise Rathbun	1989-	174	951
4. Cori Arndt	1986-87	131	757
5. Rita Harrington	1983	80	741

Career kill record holder Jenni Eyre (1984-87)

1991 UTAH VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

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Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 30-31 (Fri.-Sat.)	Boise State Tournament (Utah, Boise State, Brigham Young, Idaho State, Cal State-Northridge, Northern Iowa)	Boise, Idaho	TBA
Sep. 6-7 (Fri.-Sat.)	**LADY UTE CLASSIC (Utah, Idaho State, New Mexico State, Oregon State, Utah State, Washington State)**	**SALT LAKE CITY**	**TBA**
Sep. 13-14 (Fri.-Sat.)	Rice Tournament (Utah, Rice, DePaul, Michigan)	Houston, Texas	TBA
Sep. 20-21 (Fri.-Sat.)	Northern Arizona Tournament (Utah, Northern Arizona, Drake, San Francisco)	Flagstaff, Ariz.	TBA
Wed., Sep. 25	Weber State	Ogden, Utah	7:00 p.m.
Sat., Sep. 28	Utah State	Logan, Utah	7:30 p.m.
TUE., OCT. 1	**UTAH STATE**	**SALT LAKE CITY**	**7:30 p.m.**
FRI., OCT. 4	**MONTANA**	**SALT LAKE CITY**	**7:30 p.m.**
TUE., OCT. 8	***BRIGHAM YOUNG** (in the Huntsman Center)	**SALT LAKE CITY**	**7:30 p.m.**
Fri., Oct. 11	*San Diego State	San Diego, Calif.	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 12	San Diego	San Diego, Calif.	5:00 p.m.
FRI., OCT. 18	***WYOMING**	**SALT LAKE CITY**	**7:30 p.m.**
SAT., OCT. 19	***COLORADO STATE**	**SALT LAKE CITY**	**7:30 p.m.**
TUE., OCT. 22	**IDAHO STATE**	**SALT LAKE CITY**	**7:30 p.m.**
Fri., Oct. 25	*New Mexico	Albuquerque, N.M.	7:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 26	*Texas-El Paso	El Paso, Texas	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 2	Idaho State	Pocatello, Idaho	7:30 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 6	*Brigham Young	Provo, Utah	7:30 p.m.
SAT., NOV. 9	***SAN DIEGO STATE**	**SALT LAKE CITY**	**7:30 p.m.**
TUE., NOV. 12	**WEBER STATE**	**SALT LAKE CITY**	**7:30 p.m.**
Fri., Nov. 15	*Colorado State	Ft. Collins, Colo.	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 16	*Wyoming	Laramie, Wyo.	5:30 p.m.
FRI., NOV. 22	***TEXAS-EL PASO**	**SALT LAKE CITY**	**7:30 p.m.**
SAT., NOV. 23	***NEW MEXICO**	**SALT LAKE CITY**	**3:30 p.m.**

*Western Athletic Conference Match
Home games in all caps and bold
All home games played in HPER E101

UTAH UTES VOLLEYBALL western athletic conference coach beth launiere lady ute classic serve set dig spike receive western athletic conference coach beth launiere lady ute classic serve set dig spike receive western athletic conference coach beth launiere lady ute classic serve set dig spike receive western athletic conference coach beth launiere lady ute classic